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TAGS: OVIP (NIMETZ, MATTHEW)

SUBJECT: C STAFF NOTES TWO

BONN EYES ONLY FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ

1. EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

(A) PRESS: NO PRESS QUERIES TODAY. APPARENTLY EVERYONE  
IS WATCHING FOR PUBLIC REACTION IN AREA AND AWAITING  
RETURN OF CHRISTOPHER MISSION.

(B) STETSON TRIP: TO CONFIRM REQUEST (HOPEFULLY PASSED TO  
YOU BY PHONE) OUR FRIENDS AT DOD FEEL NEED FOR FORMAL  
COMMUNICATION FROM "CHRISTOPHER MISSION" WHICH THEY CAN  
SHOW TO SECRETARY STETSON AS AUTHORITY FOR POSTPONING

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SINE DIE HIS TRIP TO ATHENS AND ANKARA.

2. SALT. PRESS REACTION ON NITZE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS  
NIL, WITH ONLY ONE SMALL WIRE SERVICE REPORT. DOD  
(SLOCOMBE) HAS PREPARED CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR  
PENTAGON SPOKESMAN TO USE ON AN IF ASKED BASIS ONLY. THIS  
MATERIAL HAS BEEN CLEARED THROUGH SECRETARY BROWN AND

CHECKED WITH THE NSC. IT PROBABLY WILL NEVER BE USED.  
FRONT PAGE PLAY GIVEN TO ARBATOV ARTICLE ABOUT SOVIET  
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH WAKE  
FOREST SPEECH. THURMOND LETTER FINALLY WENT.

3. NIGERIA. LEFEVRE IS STILL IN JAIL BUT WE NOW HAVE  
CONSULAR ACCESS. THE CASE IS GETTING GROWING PUBLIC  
ATTENTION. AIG AND DESK AGREE THAT NY TIMES ARTICLE TODAY,  
HEADLINED ARREST OF AN AMERICAN THREATENS TO MAR VISIT,  
WAS ACTUALLY AS GOOD AS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED AND THE  
GREENBERG VISIT HERE IS STILL NOT KNOWN. LEFEVRE'S  
RELEASE WILL PROBABLY OCCUR SHORTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL OF  
PRESIDENTIAL PARTY. COMPANY NOW PURSUING EXHAUSTION OF  
REMEDIES STRATEGY BY APPEALING TO CAPITAL ISSUES COM-  
MITTEE AS REQUESTED BY NIGERIANS.

4. HUNGARY. AS WE DISCUSSED BEFORE YOU LEFT, THE HIRC  
WANTS TO HOLD VERY SHORT HEARINGS NEXT WEEK ON THE TRADE  
AGREEMENT. THE PRESIDENT DID NOT SIGN THE MESSAGE TO  
CONGRESS BEFORE HE LEFT AND WILL PROBABLY DO IT RIGHT  
AFTER HIS RETURN. LUERS AND BARRACLOUGH WILL TESTIFY FOR  
THE ADMINISTRATION. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE US-  
HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL WILL ALSO TESTIFY AND THE  
COMMITTEE MIGHT ALLOW ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A HUNGARIAN-  
AMERICAN GROUP TO TESTIFY. ANYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO BE  
HEARD WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO SUBMIT SOMETHING IN WRITING FOR  
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THE RECORD.

5. MICRONESIA. DEFENSE DEPSEC DUNCAN WROTE PETER RAISING  
ONCE AGAIN THE ISSUE OF INCLUDING IN THE STATUS NEGOTIA-  
TIONS THE TERMINATION OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS  
ARISING FROM THE IASO'S NUCLEAR TESTS. PETER IS VERY CON-  
CERNED ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS. HE CERTAINLY WILL NOT  
RAISE IT AT ALL AT HILO AND WILL DISCUSS IT WITH YOU NEXT  
WEEK BEFORE HE LEAVES.

6. SSOD BACKSTOPPING COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY TO  
DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES BEFORE OPENING OF FIFTH PREPCON ON  
TUESDAY. TOPICS WILL INCLUDE CBMS, SECURITY ASSURANCES,  
CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS, AND NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS.  
PAPERS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED ON ALL OF THESE ISSUES BY  
ACDA. COOPER

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